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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2003, no. 11 and JP 2003 188243 discloses a wafer support. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 5 - 7 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 2 - 4 and 8 - 19. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2002, no. 08 and JP 2002 110577 discloses a vertical reactor. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 1 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 2 - 19. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

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- WO 97/20341 discloses a thermal processing apparatus and process. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 1 and further cited under CATEGORY A as being relevant to International claims 2 - 19.

- U.S. Patent 5,534,074 discloses a vertical boat for holding semiconductor wafers. The reference has been cited under CATEGORY X as being relevant to International claim 1 and further cited under CATEGORY A as being relevant to International claims 2 - 19.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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